

## **Remarks**

Claims 21-40 are pending. No claims are amended, added, or cancelled. In view of the following Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **Double Patenting Rejection**

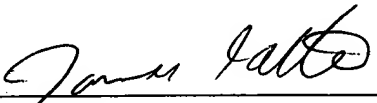
Claims 21-40 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 and 1-18 of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,064,977 and 6,301,621, respectively. Without acknowledging the merits or substance of this rejection and while preserving the right to distinguish over the applied references, Applicants submit herewith Terminal Disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

## **Conclusion**

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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